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The above-referenced application was docketed to the examiner on February 20, 2003 and published on July 17, 2003. However, no further action has been taken in this application. Applicant respectfully requests an update as to the current status of the application be provided. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

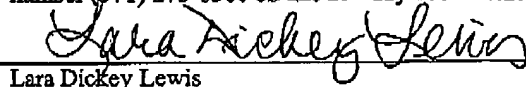
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